

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 6
SECOND QUARTER 2002
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant
LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 6 during second quarter 2002 was 98,522, an increase of 1.5% from the first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.5 from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 15 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 13.6% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 54. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 6 with 19,858 employees, or 20.2% of total employment. Rapides was the leading parish with 55,569 employees, or 56.4% of total employment.

Total wages increased 5.7% from the first quarter 2002, and increased 5.4% from the same period in 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$486.96. Grant parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$528.43.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 6 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 6" beginning on page 57.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Avoyelles	\$ 390.36
Catahoula	361.51
Concordia	417.54
Grant	528.43
LaSalle	421.67
Rapides	523.70
Vernon	487.24
Winn	441.75

The number of reporting units in RLMA 6 for second quarter 2002 was 6,466.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

